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SUBJECT: UNLOADING FACILITY FOR BULK GRAIN IN PORT SAID

REF: (A) CAIRO 10382, (B) CAIRO 10406, (C) CAIRO 10592, AND
(D) CAIRO 10878.

1. OBSERVER WAS TUGGED INTO PLACE AT ABBAS BASIN MORNING JUNE 29.
EMBOFF SERVING AS NONRESIDENT AMCONSUL PORT SAID WAS IN PORT SAID
FOR EVENT. YANXILAS WAS SECURED ALONGSIDE OBSERVER SAME DAY.

2. FINAL HURDLE WAS OBSTINACY GREEK CAPTAIN YANXILAS LIGHTEN
YANXILAS BY 2,000-3,000 TONS. DRAFT YANXILAS WAS 37 AND A HALF FEET
WHEREAS CONTRACT WITH MIN SUPPLY SPECIFIED 36 FEET. CAPTAIN
TEMPORIZED, HOPING AUTHORITIES WOULD ALLOW MOOR ALONGSIDE OBSERVER
WITHOUT HAVING USE LIGHTERS, AND THUS SAVE EXPENSES. AUTHORITIES
WERE RELUCTANT DOCK OBSERVER UNTIL YANXILAS READY, BUT DECISION TO
DOCK OBSERVER WAS NEVERTHELESS MADE. SOUNDINGS WERE TAKEN OFF
OBSERVER IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT DOCKED, AND PORT AUTHORITIES DETERMINED
YANXILAS COULD, AFTER ALL, SAFELY MOOR ALONGSIDE.

3. CLAIM BY BRUER'S OPPONENTS THAT HIS PROJECT WILL PUT STEVEDORES
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OUT OF WORK APPEARS SPURIOUS. BECAUSE HIS PROJECT INVOLVES
OFFLOADING MORE GRAIN THAN BEING OFFLOADED BY PRESENT SYSTEM, MORE
LABORERS WILL BE NEEDED FOR BAGGING. MOREOVER, MIN SUPPLY HAS
PROMISED TO CONTINUE PRESENT SYSTEM (BY WHICH LESS THAN 500,000
TONS OFFLOADED LAST YEAR) IN ADDITION TO BRUER PROJECT (CONTRACT
PROVIDES FOR 600,000 TONS/YEAR). IRONY IS THAT SHIPS COMPLAIN
OF LABOR SHORTAGE IN PORT SAID.

4. BRUER REFUTES CLAIM (REF D) THAT HIS SYSTEM WILL TAKE UP INORDINATE AMOUNT BERTHING SPACE. OBSERVER IS 30,000 TON VESSEL, NO LARGER THAN MANY SHIPS THAT HAVE MOORED AT SAME PLACE IN ABBAS BASIN IN PAST.

5. CLAIM (REF D) THAT BRUER PROJECT COSTLY IN COMPARISON PRESENT SYSTEM ALSO SPURIOUS. GOE STANDS TO MAKE HUGE SAVINGS IN TRANSPORT AND DEMURRAGE COSTS DUE TO OFFLOADING SPEED OF BRUER OPERATION AND ITS CAPABILITY RECEIVE MUCH LARGER GRAIN SHIPS THAN IN PAST.

6. SINCE DOCKING OPERATION TOOK PLACE WITHOUT MISHAP CHANCES FOR FURTHER OPPOSITION TO BRUER PROJECT ARE REDUCED. REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER OPPOSITION FROM MARITIME WORKERS' UNION (REF D) WILL CONTINUE TO PLAGUE BRUER PROJECT.
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